

ALASKA TRAUMA REGISTRY CALENDAR

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New Trauma Registry Software

The biggest news this month for the Alaska Trauma Registry is the purchase of new trauma registry software by the Section of Community Health and EMS (CHEMS).

Five vendors responded to our request for proposals, and, after careful review by an evaluation committee, Digital Innovation, Inc. of Forest Hill, Maryland, was chosen. Their software product, "Collector," has been on the market for over a decade, is used by hundreds of hospitals worldwide, and met or exceeded all of the specifications set forth by CHEMS in the letter of solicitation..

Features include:

- user friendly data entry with on-line help;

- customizable data set;
- built-in data validity and completeness checks;
- integrated coding software and Abbreviated Injury Scale scoring;
- querying capabilities; and,
- standard and ad-hoc reports.

Conversion of current trauma registry data to the new software should be complete by the end of the calendar year.

For most of the registrars, who do not do their own data entry, the transition to the new software system will involve some revisions to the data collection worksheet and abstracting manual. The December workshop, tentatively scheduled for the week of December 4th, will

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